



Human Resources Department

INFO SHEET

BENEFITS FOR MEA-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

The City of San Diego provides a competitive benefits* package to classified employees.

Leave Benefits

- **Holidays** – 11 holidays observed in a calendar year per current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). 📄
- **Floating Holiday** – One day in a fiscal year (FY), equal to the hours worked in the employee's shift up to 12 hours. 📄
- **City-Awarded Discretionary Leave** – Up to 24 hours in FY. 📄
- **Annual Leave** – Full-time employees are eligible to accrue an annual leave with full pay as follows: 📄
 - 1-5 years of service = 5.24 hours for each biweekly pay period
 - 6-15 years of service = 6.77 hours for each biweekly pay period
 - 16+ years of service = 8.31 hours for each biweekly pay period
 Permanent or limited half-time and three-quarter time employees will earn prorated hours of annual leave based on hours worked each biweekly pay period.
- **Pay-in-Lieu of Annual Leave** – Employees may request to convert up to 125 hours of annual leave to cash to be paid within the calendar year in which it was earned. 📄
- **Jury Duty (Court Leave)** – Paid time off to serve as a juror in Court. 📄
- **Bereavement Leave** – Up to 40 hours of paid City Bereavement leave each FY. 📄 If covered death falls under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), eligible employees may take up to five days of unpaid bereavement leave within 12 months of a covered death (instead of three months per FEHA). Paid Bereavement Leave and FEHA Bereavement Leave run concurrently.
- **Voluntary Furlough Program** – Full-time employees are eligible to take up to 200 hours of voluntary work furlough in a fiscal year. This is prorated for part-time employees.
- **Alternative Work Schedule** – Available depending on position or workload.
- **Child Care Annual Leave Exchange** – Annual leave may be transferred between City of San Diego employees who jointly parent a child for the purpose of the birth or adoption of the child or for childcare purposes. 📄
- **Compensatory Time** – Eligible employees may choose to receive overtime pay or elect up to 120 hours of compensatory time off, which can be used or cashed out within the calendar year it was earned. 📄
- **Paid Sick Leave for Hourly Employees** – Entitles non-standard hour employees to use up to 40 hours of paid sick leave in a fiscal year, with a maximum accrual of 80 hours. 📄

Family and Medical Leave

- Family and medical leaves eligibility after being employed by the City for at least 12 months and have worked at least 1,040 hours (instead of 1,250 hours) in a year.
- **Parental Leave** – Up to 320 hours of paid leave in a rolling 12-month period for an eligible event occurring on or after July 1, 2023. This is prorated based on employment status. 📄

Long-Term Disability (LTD)

- **LTD Income Plan** – Eligible disabled employees may be provided with an income replacement of 70% of biweekly earnings. 📄
- **Pregnancy Related Disability** – Employees disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition will be eligible for LTD on their 31st day of employment with the City. In addition, there is no waiting period for these LTD benefits.

Health

- **Flexible Benefits Plan (FBP)** – Cafeteria plan with FBP credits available to use toward health insurance coverage. Credits will vary based on medical plan, dependent coverage and hire date. 📄
- **Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)** – Pre-tax contributions from gross pay applied to qualifying expenses (dental/medical/vision, FSA and dependent/child care). 📄

Life Insurance

- **Basic Life Insurance** – Up to \$50,000 available without having to provide information about your health. 📄
- **Portable Life Insurance** – Supplemental life insurance is available to purchase in addition to basic life insurance. Guaranteed issue when employees initially apply for life insurance benefits for themselves at \$250,000 or for their spouse/domestic partner at \$50,000. Employees may also apply for a policy up to \$500,000, however, evidence of insurability will be required, and the application is subject to approval by The Hartford Insurance Company. 📄

*Note: Effective July 1, 2023. Some benefits may have eligibility requirements to qualify. Subject to change at any time without prior notice.





Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The City's EAP is available 24/7 and provides employees and members of their household the opportunity to meet with professional counselors to discuss concerns and challenges, including: work stress, conflicts in the workplace, personal and family conflicts, marital/relationship problems, health issues, financial stress, legal problems and substance abuse/addiction. 📄

Wellness

- Free workshops and physical activity classes on various health and wellness topics are offered throughout the year.
- Live and on-demand recorded financial wellness workshops, weekly one-on-one virtual appointments with financial experts, and many more financial tools and resources provided by our corporate partner, California Coast Credit Union.

Retirement Savings Plans

- **Mandatory Defined Benefits Plans** – Eligible benefitted employees originally hired on or after July 10, 2021, will be automatically enrolled in the San Diego City Employees Retirement System (SDCERS). Contribution rates vary depending on the type of plan and age of entry into SDCERS. 📄
- **Mandatory Defined Contributions Plans** – Eligible benefitted employees originally hired on or after July 10, 2021 are automatically enrolled in the 401(a) plan at a mandatory pre-tax contribution rate of 1.0%. Employee mandatory contributions are matched 100% by the City. Non-benefitted (hourly) employees will be automatically enrolled in the mandatory portion of the SPSP-H at a contribution rate of 3.75%, with a City contribution rate of 6.0%. Certain eligible benefitted employees originally hired on or after July 20, 2012, and before July 10, 2021, participate in the mandatory portion of the Supplemental Pension Savings Plan – Hourly (SPSP-H) at a pre-tax contribution rate equal to what their SDCERS contribution rate would be. The City contributes 9.2% of eligible compensation. 📄
- **Voluntary Defined Contribution Plans** – Optional 401(k) and 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plans available. 📄
- **Retiree Medical Trust Plan** – Employees enjoy a defined contribution retiree medical trust plan to save for health insurance and/or medical expenses upon retirement. Non-safety employees hired on or after July 1, 2009, are required to contribute .25% of base salary to this plan. The City matches employees' contribution. Contributions are 100% vested upon hire. 📄
- Employees are considered General Members of SDCERS. General Members hired on or after July 1, 2009, receive 1.0% of Final Compensation (based on the average of your three highest years of pensionable salary per year of service at age 55, increasing to 2.6% at age 65 with an 80% benefit cap. 📄

Transportation

- **Parking Discount** – 75% reduction in the monthly public parking rate at approved facilities: Concourse Parkade, Central Library, Civic Center Plaza, Mission Hills Library, Horton Plaza, and any other City-designated parking facility (parking spot is subject to availability).

Transportation (cont'n)

- **Parking and Transportation Program** – The City's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) includes, among others: 📄
 - 90% subsidy up to \$100 per month for employees who:
 - (1) Purchase monthly passes for transportation on the coaster (Adult 2-Zones Coaster Pass, Adult-3 Zones Coaster Pass, and SDM Coaster Pass (3-Zones Senior Coaster Pass);
 - (2) Commute using the San Diego Bay ferry; or
 - (3) Participate in the City-approved vanpool program.
 - Free Universal Pass (U-Pass) through the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for:
 - (1) The All Trolley/Local Bus Pass (Regional)
 - (2) The Rapid Express/Premium Pass
- **Mileage Reimbursement** – If a personal vehicle is used for City business, mileage will be reimbursed in accordance with the current MOU for MEA. 📄

Communication

Eligible employees may choose between a City-issued mobile device or obtain a wireless stipend to conduct City business. 📄

Professional Development

- **Public Service Management Certificate** – This program for current and prospective supervisors develops them with strong skills in managing and developing themselves, their teams, and utilizing City resources effectively. This new self-paced program replaces the former Supervisor's Academy. All employees can enroll and complete courses towards fulfillment of the certificate. Topics covered include human resources law and policy, conflict management, employee development, City processes and much more.
- **City Management Fellowship** – This leadership development program for current and emerging senior-level leaders provides a deeper dive into leadership concepts and navigating complex projects and relationships across the City. Participants complete assessments like the CliftonStrengths assessment as well as coaching with a Gallup-certified Strengths coach.
- **LinkedIn Learning** – An e-learning library of over 16,000 courses in numerous languages provided at no cost to all City employees and available on-demand both on and off-line. Through LinkedIn Learning, City employees can obtain certifications and continuing education units and develop their overall competencies in areas that interest them.
- **Training & Development Resources** – Citywide and many departmental trainings are completed through the SuccessFactors Learning management system. In SuccessFactors Learning, employees can search course catalogs to register for courses, track learning progress, and view training completion history. All human resources, legal, and mandatory compliance-type trainings can be found in the SuccessFactors catalogs.
- **Tuition Reimbursement** – Up to \$2,000 for cost of professional and tuition fees per fiscal year. 📄
- **National University** – City employees are eligible for 25% discount in tuition, in addition to waived application fee. All employees seeking a bachelor's degree are eligible to apply annually for full and partial scholarships. City employees' spouse/ partner/dependents are also eligible for 10% discount in tuition. 📄



Professional Development (cont'n)

- **Promotional and Career Advancement Opportunities** – Ongoing opportunities to promote within the department or City and the ability to underfill a higher-level position until the eligibility requirements are met to qualify for career advancement. 📄
- **Job Counseling** – Available for employees who are interested in promotional or transfer opportunities.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- The City strives to create a workplace that recognizes and mitigates systemic biases and barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access, and opportunity.
- The City's Department of Race & Equity's mission is to address all forms of disparities experienced outcomes; dismantling policies, procedures, and budget decisions that perpetuate inequity and systemic racism. 📄
- Recognizes various informal employee organizations that foster diversity and inclusion based on common interests and cultures.

Rewards and Recognition

The City has a robust Rewards and Recognition Program that provides high-performing employees with additional Discretionary Leave (DL), gift cards, and Exceptional Merit Cash Payments to reward to employees for providing high-level performance and services. Employees can earn rewards throughout the year and are eligible to participate in the City's Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) and Employee of the Year (EOY) Programs. The City also awards employees who have completed years of service, in 5-year increments, as part of the Employee Service Award Program. October is designated as Employee Appreciation Month, which is celebrated with events, activities, and rewards to recognize and celebrate the work of City of San Diego employees. 📄

Employee Perks

- **Software Home Use Program** – Employee discount on the purchase of Microsoft Office and/or ESET antivirus software.
- **Perkspot** – Exclusive discounts with several program partners.
- **Travel Assistance and Theft Protection Services** – Employees and their family have access to travel assistance and theft protection services when traveling more than 100 miles from home for 90 days or less through the Hartford Insurance Group Policy.

Additional Pay

- **Bilingual Pay** – Employees filling a position designated as requiring knowledge and use of City-prescribed language in the performance of their duties, and who have been certified as bilingual, will receive additional pay. 📄
- **Special Assignment Pay** – Certain positions receive special assignment pay, per hour or a percentage of base pay, when assigned to perform a special assignment. 📄
- **Certification Pay** – Certain positions receive additional pay, calculated at prescribed percentage of base pay, for job-related certifications. 📄
- **Uniform Allowance** – Eligible employees receive uniform allowance or can participate in the Corporate Apparel Program. 📄